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DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF
MICROORGANISMS

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated May 30, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits this Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment and response. The six-month deadline for response to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2005 (requiring a three-month extension of time) expires May 30, 2006. An Amendment and Response to Final Office Action was filed on April 24, 2006 with the required two-month extension fees, however the Advisory Action of May 30, 2006 states that the April 24, 2006 Response has not been considered. Thus the enclosed extension fee of \$570.00 is the extension fee of \$1,020.00 less the previously paid \$450.00 fee paid with the April 24, 2006 Response.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the grounds of rejection and allowance of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

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